

Briefly Told

Prohibition for Mexico is being considered by President Huerta "for the regeneration of Indians and half-breeds who consume great quantities of alcohol." It may be recalled that the last big impetus which prohibition received in the United States was that given by Southerners who desired to keep gin from the Negro.

Governor Cox says the people have a right to change the prohibition law. They have changed it, from anti-prohibition to pro-prohibition, but Governor Cox seems to believe that it was not a majority act.

Lloyd George does not like American criticism—"If the Americans were here with us, things might be entirely different. But they have left us; they are out of it. They are not giving us any help at all now to solve these problems. If they were, they would have some right to talk."

Lady Astor, M. P., to stop a scandalous newspaper attack on her, made a complete disclosure to her Plymouth constituents of all the circumstances of her divorce in 1903.

Schleswig, for many years held in forced union to Germany, is now officially reunited with Denmark, King Christian having signed the treaty July 9.

Skiing on the snow on Mt. Rainier, Washington, is popular during July and August.

President Wilson and Governor Cox apparently disagree as to the importance of the League of Nations issue in this campaign.

Missouri Republicans are engaged in a campaign to repudiate and oust the National Committeeman who was implicated in the presidential nomination fund scandal.

More than \$25,000 worth of eggs are accidentally broken every week in New York.

A. P. Ripley, late president of the Santa Fe Railway, left an estate of \$720,000.

One hundred years ago, on July 14, 1820, Pike's Peak was first scaled, the climber being Dr. Edwin James.

In discharging his chauffeur recently, Caruso gave him \$1,000 in cash.

For painting red the kaiser's statue, six German Socialists were given two years' imprisonment.

American animals and birds are being sent to the London zoo. Deer, sea lions, prairie dogs, beaver, porcupine and opossums and two hundred species of birds have been presented by the Zoological Society of New York.

An autographic manuscript draft of a speech of Abraham Lincoln was sold in England for more than \$750.

Picketing before the Parliament Houses in England is carried on by rowing boats back and forth on the Thames.

Forty per cent alcohol was discovered in a "soft" drink by the District of Columbia Health Department. It was being sold in the city of Washington and in Maryland and was advertised as a temperance beverage.

The English language was almost unanimously favored for use in the League of Nations and for international commerce by the Stockholm Conference.

When chair-pushers struck in Atlantic City, the boardwalk was almost deserted.

Thirty cents a gallon was charged by spring and distilled water companies in Kansas City when the public water supply was pronounced unsafe.

Women are smoking choice Cuban cigars in England and some have even commenced to use pipes. Tobaccoists say that women are now the heaviest consumers of cigarets.

Jazz dances and too jazzy music have been banished from a popular dance hall in Dayton, Ohio.

The natives of Guam, an island near the Philippines, catch fish by lowering into the water the fruit of a native tree which, when left overnight, stupefies the fish that come near and brings them to the surface where they are easily caught.

More homes are under construction in New Zealand than ever before at the same time, although lumber costs have increased fifty per cent.

Chinese typewriters are now being made by American manufacturers. The new Chinese language adopted in 1918 has greatly simplified Chinese lettering, making it possible to print with the typewriter.

"The young men of Argentine should be sent to American universities in order to take advantage of the opportunity for education there," says a Buenos Aires paper, "and to see the vigor and eagerness which characterize American life."

For shouting loudly about something which was not in the newspapers he was selling, a London newsboy was sentenced to a month in prison.

Because the Union Bank of England returned his check by mistake marked "no account" when there were sufficient funds, an Englishman was awarded \$750 damages.

"Flying prospects" are given daily in English newspapers along with the weather report.

Two wolf dogs, fighting off wandering elephants in the wilds near Port Elizabeth, South Africa, guarded the body of General Ravenshaw, a British officer who died while trying to reach the settlement.

A professorship in the history of the United States has been urged for the University of Oxford by Lord Rothermere who has offered £20,000 for the endowment.

Alligators are becoming scarce in Louisiana because of the demand for skins from which suit cases and purses are manufactured. One company destroys an average of 10,000 alligators monthly. Government protection for alligators has been begun in some southern states.

Motion pictures are being used by the British Royal Society of Medicine to demonstrate surgical, medical and dental manipulations. Complicated surgery and nervous diseases have been successfully studied by motion pictures.

Disease has cut the population of the Belgian Congo to one-half during the last seven years. Decline of the birth rate, native immigration into the large towns, and exploitation of the country by Europeans are all having their effect.

The King and Queen of England recently held their first court since the war's outbreak. Buckingham Palace was the scene of the ceremony.

More than one hundred thousand identifications by finger prints have been made by Scotland Yard detectives.

Almost half of the eight hundred square miles of territory devastated in France are again being cultivated. The trenches and shell holes are being rapidly filled in and 12,000,000 square yards of barbed wire have been removed. One-third of the 25,000 damaged homes have been entirely repaired and 230 of the 12,000 factories which were demolished are again producing.

The navy has sold for \$20,000,000 its surplus aircraft. All air machines are sold as soon as they become obsolete for naval purposes.

In a single afternoon a Long Island bathing beach life guard rescued five persons from drowning.

"The brain fabric of M. J. Doyle, engineer, failed at a critical moment to properly function" was the coroner's verdict of the cause of a wreck on the New York Central Railroad in which fifteen persons were killed.

Macon may be the capital of Georgia, instead of Atlanta if the voters of the state assent in the coming election.

Five dollars deposited in a southern bank in 1833 yielded \$280 to Horace Smith, a farmer, who recently closed his account. It had increased 56 times in 67 years.

Thirty-two languages, not including English, are spoken in New York City.

"We always loved our country, but now we worship it," declared a party of Americans who recently returned from a European tour.

The future of France depends on fish, according to the French Director of Fisheries. Enlarged facilities are being given in all French fishing ports.

Extra sugar rations are allowed for children in England.

"The Cities of the Silent" is the Persian name for cemeteries.

Although offered the honor of representing Canada at Washington, Honorable N. W. Rowell preferred to resume his law business.

Moonshiners now use wireless to warn of the approach of revenue officers in the mountains of West Virginia and Kentucky.

"The toothbrush aids in the decay of the teeth," says the New York Medical Journal. "Once there is infection in the mouth the toothbrush carries it all over. Whenever there is a crack in the enamel of a tooth the toothbrush rubs in the bacteria."

Millions of fish are eaten monthly by the cormorant flocks on the Chincha Island near Peru. The cormorants build their nests close together; from fifteen to twenty thousand are frequently found within an area of 5,500 square yards.

A California landowner says that he would rather lease farms to Japanese than to American farmers because they take better care of the land.

Sugar prices in Canada fluctuate from 22 to 24 cents a pound while in this country they vary from 27 to 32 cents a pound. The prices charged by grocers in Canada have been closely watched by government officials. There is no sugar shortage in Canada.

President Deschanel owns an airplane with which he intends to make his presidential visits about France.

A faculty in oceanography and fisheries has been established in the University of Liverpool, where marine life, ocean currents and ocean phenomena will be studied.

A 30-foot python, which was being taken to the New York zoo, broke loose aboard the British steamer Bolton Castle while in mid-Pacific. In the panic that ensued the reptile disappeared into the ocean.

The Freemasons, of London, are considering plans to rebuild the Temple of Solomon at Jerusalem, in commemoration of the expulsion of the Turks.

Epstein, the sculptor, whose "Christ" so generally shocked the sensibilities, is a product of New York's East Side. Another controversy over his work has been in progress in England since 1908, the cause being certain figures he made for the British Medical Association's new building.

The heirs of the late F. W. Woolworth are said to have been compelled to borrow \$3,000,000 in order to make up the \$8,000,000 inheritance tax which was assessed against the estate.

The general railroad strike in Italy ended in complete failure.

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